

Town Meeting Coordinating Committee
Meeting of Thursday, November 17, 2011, 4-6 PM
First Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall

Present: Peggy Roberts, Nonny Burack, Adrienne Terrizzi, Mary Streeter, Carol Gray, Patricia Holland.
Absent: Harry Brooks. Visiting: Alan Powell.

Peggy called the meeting to order at 4:06 PM.

Evaluation of TMCC Events: Mary said she had not yet compiled all the evaluations and will have it for our next meeting; all agreed. She also was concerned about the turnout for TMCC-sponsored events and suggested a town-wide meeting to introduce people to Town Meeting. Adrienne suggested the League of Women Voters co-sponsor it. Carol urged us to reach out to various groups in town. Consensus was to have the meeting on January 26, 2012. Carol agreed to check the availability of the Large Meeting Room at the Jones Library for that date.

Addressing Feedback and Suggestions: We agreed to send the results of the poll regarding starting time of TM to the Select Board since it determines that time; Pat will do that. Peggy confirmed that information provided on the back table at TM is not required to include its author or source. On difficulties with visuals Carol and Adrienne suggested providing information on the use of the overhead projector and showing DVDs or other computer material; the information should say what programs work and what don't and also how to contact Kris Pacunas and Mike Olkin. A pointer should be available to speakers who show visuals. Finally, we should reinstate the suggestion box for TM.

TM Page on Town Website: Peggy said Alisa Brewer had a question about the TM web page. Mary suggested transferring all material on past town meetings from the TM page to the Archive to improve clarity. She also would like emails about TMCC sent to the entire committee. Carol reported the Jones Library has a shelf in the Reference Room for all TMCC material.

Planning for Spring: Peggy said she would forward a copy of the town calendar labeled 2013 but actually for 2011-2012. The town election will be April 3, 2012, the warrant signed April 4th. After much discussion, we agreed our warrant review will be held April 10th. Nonny will reserve the room. TM begins April 30th. Mary urged that we create a task list of all TM-related events for our committee, so we could plan more efficiently.

Town Meeting Elections: Mary wants to get more publicity for the TM election since all members will have to run even though their terms may not be up. She suggested inviting Amherst Bulletin reporter Scott Merzbach to a TMCC meeting in early December.

Minutes of October 25: Discussion postponed to the next meeting, which will be Monday, Nov. 28th, 7-9 PM, in Town Hall, First Floor Meeting Room.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Patricia Holland, Clerk
Approved November 28, 2011

Documents provided:

1. Agenda
2. Minutes of October 25, 2011